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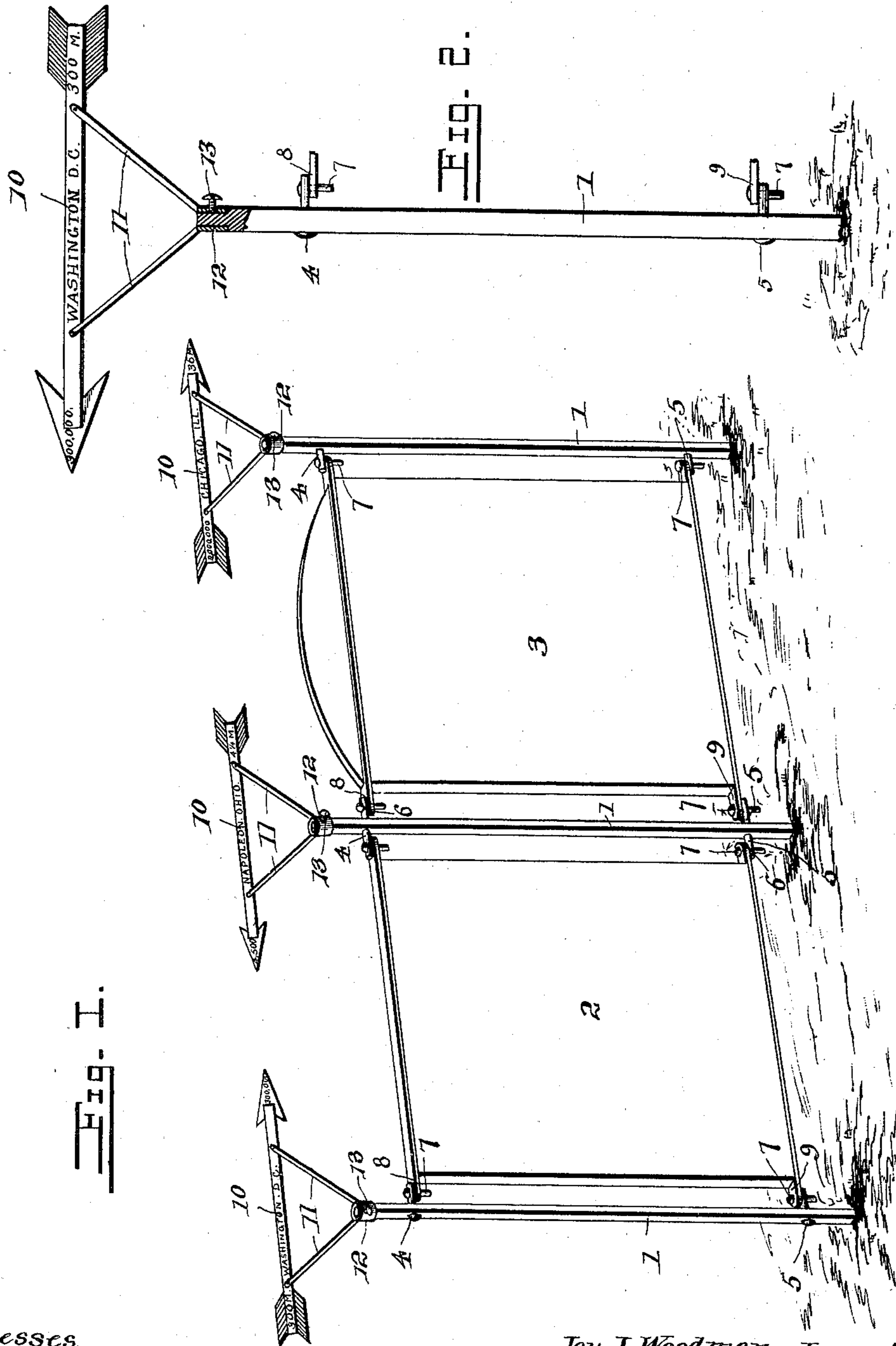


Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAY JOSHUA WOODMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Napoleon, in the county of Henry and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Sign-Board, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to improvements in sign-boards.

10 The object of the present invention is to improve the construction of sign-boards and to provide a simple, inexpensive, and efficient one designed to be placed conspicuously on traveled roads, paths, parks, public places, 15 and the like and adapted to contain advertising matter and various other matter which will interest and attract the attention of travelers.

20 A further object of the invention is to provide a device of this character which will enable a traveler to ascertain at a glance the exact direction, distance, and population of the place he desires to reach.

25 The invention consists in the construction and novel combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in the claims hereto appended.

30 In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a sign-board constructed in accordance with this invention. Fig. 2 is a side elevation, partly in section, illustrating the manner of adjustably mounting the arrows or indicators and the advertising-boards.

35 Like numerals of reference designate corresponding parts in both figures of the drawings.

1 designates posts or uprights arranged at intervals and designed to be seated in the ground for supporting advertising-boards 2 and 3 in conspicuous positions on traveled roads, paths, parks, and various other public places, and these posts or uprights, which may be constructed of any suitable material, are provided near their upper and lower ends 45 with horizontal supporting-bolts 4 and 5, having eyes 6 for the reception of pins 7 or other suitable fastening devices, which engage corresponding eyes of projections or ears 8 and 9 of the advertising-boards 2 and 3. The advertising-boards have the ears or projections 8 and 9 located at their upper and lower edges and arranged between the bolts or arms 4 and

5 of the posts or uprights, and the pins, which are detachable, enable the advertising-boards to be readily removed, so that other advertising matter may be displayed when desired without removing the uprights and arrows or indicators 10 hereinafter described.

An indicator or arrow-shaped bar 10 (one or more) is designed to be mounted on one or 60 more of the uprights, the head of the arrow pointing in the direction of the town or place designed to be indicated. The central portion or shaft of the arrow is designed to bear the name of the city, village, or town, the 65 butt or rear end the distance to such place, and the head or front end the population thereof; but any other matter or information may be supplied, if desired.

Each indicator or arrow is supported by a 70 pair of diverging rods 11, having their upper terminals secured to the arrow or indicator near the ends thereof, and the lower ends of the rods or supports 11 are secured to caps or collars 12, which are axially adjustable on 75 the upper ends of the uprights or posts. The caps or collars are provided with clamping-screws 13 and may be rotated on the uprights or posts to position the arrow so that it will indicate exactly the direction of a city, vil- 80 lage, or other place. The upper ends of the posts or uprights are preferably rounded to receive the collars or caps; but polygonal posts or uprights may be employed, and the clamping devices will then be constructed of 85 two sections, so that they may be readily arranged in any position on the same.

The invention has the following advantages: The sign-board, which is simple, inexpensive, strong, and durable, is adapted to 90 be readily placed on roads, paths, parks, and various other public places frequented by travelers. It is adapted to contain a variety of advertising and other matter, and the advertising-boards may be removed and re- 95 placed by others when it is desired to change the advertisement. The arrows or indicating devices, which are mounted upon the projecting upper ends of the uprights or posts, are adjustable and may be rotated thereon, 100 so that they may be properly positioned to indicate exactly the direction of a town or other place.

Changes in the form, proportion, size, and

the minor details of construction within the scope of the appended claims may be resorted to without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention.

5 What is claimed is—

1. In a device of the class described, the combination of spaced upright posts having reduced upper ends, a sign or advertising board interposed between the posts and having detachable connection at its side edges therewith, and indicators surmounting the posts and having pendent supports axially adjustable upon the reduced upper ends thereof, substantially as set forth.

15 2. In a device of the class described, the combination with spaced upright posts hav-

ing laterally-projecting eyebolts, a sign or advertising board interposed between the posts and having lateral ears projecting from the corners thereof, and overlapping the eye bolts of the posts, fasteners detachably engaging the rounded openings of the eyebolts and the ears, and indicators surmounting the posts, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as 25 my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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